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SUBJECT: TTPI - JAPAN - MICRONESIA ASSOCIATION AND WAR
CLAIMS

CINCPACREP PASS TO STATUS LNO TRENT (SAIPAN)

COMTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS

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REF: A. TOKYO 2158

B. SAIPAN STATUS LNO 66C (CINCPACREP GUAM/TTPI
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1. WE HAVE REVIEWED AGAIN US POSITION ON JAPAN-
MICRONESIA ASSOCIATION IN LIGHT REFTELS, NOTING ESPECIALLY
SAIPAN'S RESERVATIONS ON TIMING (REFTEL B) WHICH WE UNDER-
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STAND. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT ON BALANCE, AFTER CONSID-

ERATION ARGUMENTS RAISED BY TOKYO (REFTEL A), TIME HAS ARRIVED TO MODIFY OUR POSITION. ACCORDINGLY, YOU ARE REQUESTED DISCUSS MATTER WITH FONOFF ALONG FOLLOWING LINES.

2. USG GRATEFUL FOR FONOFF'S ASSISTANCE AND UNDERSTANDING WITH RESPECT DELAYS IN ESTABLISHMENT JAPAN-MICRONESIAN ASSOCIATION. IF FONOFF CONVINCED FURTHER DELAYS WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS IN TTPI USG POSES NO OBJECTION TO ITS FORMATION.

3. WE ASSUME FONOFF WILL DRAW TO ATTENTION OF ASSOCIATION'S FOUNDERS AND MEMBERS THE IMPORTANCE OF REFRAINING FROM ANY POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN OR RELATED TO MICRONESIA.

4. WE APPRECIATE FONOFF'S UNDERSTANDING OF SENSITIVITIES AND PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH NEW FOREIGN INVESTMENT POLICY FOR MICRONESIA. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IN GOJ'S INTERESTS (AS WELL AS OURS AND MICRONESIA'S) TO MONITOR CAREFULLY CHARACTER AND LEVEL JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN MICRONESIA. SUCH MONITORING SHOULD, IN OUR VIEW BE INTENDED ASSURE FRAGILE MICRONESIAN ECONOMY AND UNSOPHISTICATED DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARDS NOT SWAMPED WITH INVESTMENT PROPOSALS BEYOND REASONABLE ABSORPTIVE CAPACITIES.

5. RE WAR CLAIMS, DEPT. CONCURS YOUR COMMENT PARA FOUR REFTTEL (A), I.E. THERE IS LITTLE ADVICE WE CAN GIVE ON HANDLING MICRONESIAN PRESSURES FOR REOPENING OF WAR CLAIMS AND PRE-WAR CLAIMS. (HICOMTERPACIS SAIPAN IS AWARE IMPORTANCE EXPEDITING PROCUREMENT LIST SUBMISSION.) YOU CAN REASSURE FONOFF THAT MICRONESIANS HAVE BEEN ADVISED IN CLEAREST POSSIBLE TERMS THAT WE CONSIDER WAR CLAIMS AGREEMENT CLOSED, AND USG WILL NOT REPEAT NOT AGREE TO RENEGOTIATION OF THAT AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, MICRONESIAN TACTICS NOW APPEAR TO BE TO DROP EFFORTS AT RENEGOTIATION AND TO SEEK FROM GOJ SEPARATE ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS FOR WAR AND PRE-WAR CLAIMS. WE ANTICIPATE SIMILAR PRESSURES ON USG,
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